

THE JAMESTOWN FOUNDATION

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Policy Initiatives

We continue to cooperate with the Senate subcommittee which, under the leadership of Senator Nunn, is examining the manner in which defectors are handled by the U.S. government. The investigation, however, is proceeding slowly. It is unlikely that hearings will be held before late July.

Bill Geimer and General Williams met with Clare George, of the CIA. We discussed Jamestown's policy recommendations, and reviewed our offer to be of assistance whenever possible. Subsequently, Geimer and Williams met with the CIA's new Deputy Director, Bob Gates. Gates' understanding of the need for improvement in the treatment of defectors, and his general attitudes on the subject, were very encouraging. Gates hosted a dinner recently at which, Geimer and Milan Svec, who defected from the Czech embassy in 1985, had an opportunity to further discuss defector-related problems with the Deputy Director.

New Programs

On June 11, Jamestown's Advisory Board held a dinner meeting at the home of Jamey and Lisa Jameson. The Board reviewed at length the progress Jamestown has made to date. Especially helpful information and commentary were provided by Arkady Shevchenko and Bill Timmons. In the end, however, it was Zbigniew Brzezinski who made a contribution which resulted in a significant change in Jamestown policy.

You will recall our proposal that an academic institute be created to enable certain defectors to become intellectually more productive. In recent months this idea proceeded through numerous discussions with politicians, academics, and other interested parties. As it did so, it took on several distinct forms, each having certain drawbacks. At the time of the Advisory Board meeting, three versions were under consideration: an independent privately-funded institute, an institute chartered by the federal government and partly funded with public money, or a privately-funded institute affiliated with a university. The "affiliated" version had been discussed with the Presidents of two major universities, both of whom found the prospect attractive.

After the pros and cons of the variations had been discussed, Dr. Brzezinski proposed an entirely different approach. He suggested abandoning for the time being the creation of a new entity, and suggested that we instead establish and fund Jamestown fellowships for deserving projects for which defectors need substantial assistance in order to undertake. His cogently-argued proposal was immediately and unanimously agreed to. As a result, we are shelving the institute idea, at least for now. In the near future we will send you more information on the new Fellowship Program.

Conferences/ Briefings

On May 22 Jamestown co-sponsored, with the Ethics and Public Policy Center, a conference on the subject of "The Chernobyl Disaster: Technical, Political, and Moral Dimensions." Artem Kulikov, the former Soviet physicist who defected in 1984, spoke on the technical aspects of the accident. Ambassador Rurarz discussed the reaction of, and the effects upon, Eastern Europe. Dmitry Mikheyev, another former Soviet physicist, covered the logistics of crisis management in the Ukraine. Stanislav Levchenko, formerly a KGB major, drew conclusions about the Gorbachev regime from the manner in which the disaster was handled by the Soviets. The conference was well attended by members of the foreign policy community and by journalists. A portion of the conference was broadcast by the Voice of America and an NBC TV affiliate.

Jamestown helped organize a workshop for the benefit of government policy makers on the subject of "The Soviet Mentality versus the American Mentality." This meeting was held on May 16, and is intended to be the first in a series of workshops in which a "Blue Team" comprised of Americans is pitted against a "Red Team" comprised of Soviet bloc defectors. The workshop was directed by Dimitry Mikheyev. The red team consisted of Ambassador Rurarz, Stanislav Levchenko, Alex Ushakov, Andrei Sorokun, Yelena Mitrokhina, and Vasily Matuzok.

Several of our clients are regularly briefing groups of analysts at the CIA, FBI, DIA, War College, Air Force, State Department and The Foreign Service Institute. Andrei Sorokun, Ambassador Rurarz, Milan Svec, Sieva Lezhnev, Alex Ushakov, Petre Nicolae, Natela Chachibaya, Tadeusz Kucharski and Dmitry Mikheyev have been active in these fora.

Books

Ion Pacepa has finished the manuscript of Red Horizons, a book which we believe will have considerable repercussions. We have begun negotiations with publishers, which we expect will come to a satisfactory conclusion before too long.

Alek's re-enactment for the BBC of his hike over the Caucasus captured the attention of a London based publishing house. In The KGB's Gunsights, his Russian language manuscript, has been translated by this British publisher and they have expressed interest in publishing the book. We are giving serious consideration to their offer.

Yelena Mitrokhina has completed her manuscript, which chronicles her defection in 1978 from the Soviet embassy in Washington, and her struggle toward success in the U.S. as a businesswoman. The book will be published in October by Putnam.

Vladislav Krasnov's recently-published Defectors from the USSR: The KGB Wanted List has been favorably reviewed. Dr. Krasnov was interviewed concerning the book on CNN's International Hour.

Lectures

Three of our friends have recently made their debuts as public speakers. Milan Svec addressed the Philadelphia World Affairs Congress. Petre Nicolae spoke on the Soviet impact on COMECON at the Heritage Foundation, the Foreign Service Institute, and has made a scholarly presentation to the Kennan Institute. Natela Chachibaya spoke on the Stalin period in Soviet history to the Air Force Directorate on Soviet Affairs.

Tadeusz Kucharski, a former Polish diplomat in Angola who defected in 1983, delivered a comprehensive lecture on Soviet strategic goals and presence in Africa. In a recent letter from a high-ranking DIA official Kucharski was described as a "uniquely qualified analyst of southern African, and particularly Angolan, affairs vis-a-vis the USSR.... His well-organized presentation reveals the keen insights of one who understands the situation from first-hand experience and empirical observation."

The younger ones are also active. Through Accuracy In Media, Andrei Sorokun made a speaking tour of local universities. Viktor Davidov will be undertaking a speaking tour on Soviet abuse of psychiatry. His audiences will be psychiatrists and interns from medical schools.

Dmitry Mikheyev has lectured on SDI in Boston, Chicago, Washington, and Kansas City.

The regulars, notably Arkady Shevchenko and Ambassador Rurarz, continue to maintain full speaking schedules.

Articles

The Encyclopedia Brittanica's 1986 Yearbook features two lead articles. One is by Yasuhiro Nakosone of Japan. The other, by Arkady Shevchenko, is a comprehensive analysis of what we can expect from the Soviet Union under Gorbachev.

Milan Svec has published articles on Gorbachev's influence in Eastern Europe in both the Christian Science Monitor and the Los Angeles Times. Ambassador Rurarz has published numerous articles; the most recent on Poland's reaction to the Chernobyl accident and on Poland's admission to the IMF. These appeared in the European edition of the Wall Street Journal.

Tadeusz Kucharski and Milan Svec have both drafted important articles which will no doubt appear soon in major publications.

The Christian Science Monitor also carried an article about Vasily Matusok, while Yelena Mitrokhina and Victor Belenko were the subjects of a piece in the Washington Post.

Media Appearances

Ambassador Rurarz was interviewed recently about Polish spy Col. Wladyslw Kukinski on NBC Nightly News and on CNN. Victor Davidov appeared on ABC's Nightline on the occasion of Amnesty International's 25th anniversary. Dmitry Mikheyev has given several interviews to local TV programs in Washington.

Sakharov vs. The University of Arizona

With help from friends, including Jamestown and Congressman John McCain, Vladimir Sakharov secured a position on the faculty of the University of Arizona. Last semester he taught two classes there, and won the acclaim of students and faculty. Nonetheless, he was told that his appointment would not be extended through the fall. This precipitated a bit of a donneybrook which, we are pleased to report, the good guys won - at least in principle. Dr. Sakhavov will remain on the faculty, provided funds can be raised for his salary. Jamestown is appealing for the contribution of the funds needed to keep this outstanding scholar in the classroom.

Thanks

We would like to thank Malcolm Wallop, Jim Theberge, Ed Noble, and Herb Schiff, each of whom has sponsored a lunch or dinner to benefit Jamestown. Many of their guests, who had the opportunity to hear either Arkady Shevchenko or Stan Levchenko, have become supporters of Jamestown.

Other defectors are anxious to speak before Jamestown supporters. We hope to arrange similar events in New York, Chicago, Milwaukee, Los Angeles, Palm Beach, and Miami in the coming months.

We would also like to express our appreciation to our new donors: ConAgra, the Chicago Mercantile Exchange, The Earhart Foundation, the Starr Foundation, The ALCOA Foundation, Mr. Henry Catto, Curtis Calder, Arthur Wessely, Safeway Stores, Motorola, Contran Corporation, Louis Beecherl, Herbert Longenecker, and the Equitable Life Assurance Society.